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1. two Soviet minesweeper flotillas were observed passing the Porkkala - Tallinn Straits. One flotilla of 12 vessels came from the direction of Tallinn while the other flotilla, consisting of 11 vessels, came from a westerly direction. The two flotillas joined and proceeded in line ahead and about 50 meters apart toward Porkkala at a speed of about 12 or 14 knots. They carefully kept the distances, but did not execute any particular maneuvers. Some of the vessels carried depth charges on their quarter decks. All were of the same type craft, lying deep in the water with a low freeboard. 25X1
2. A Soviet steamer of about 700 or 800 tons was at anchor near Revalstein light ship. 25X1
3. was stopped by a Soviet minesweeper, which fired several shots across its bow, after passing Porkkala Straits en route from Hamina to Luebeck. Six Soviet minesweepers were engaged in minesweeping at a distance of about 600 or 700 meters. They fired upon a drifting mine, which exploded after eight rounds. The merchant vessel was allowed to continue after the mine had been destroyed. 25X1

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